

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1956, Larry "Big Red" Bowers opened the doors of his trucking business. In 1963, he moved his family and three trucks to the community of Armour, South Dakota, and is now celebrating 50 years in business with the company he started as Bowers Trucking; and,

Whereas, Larry learned the value of hard work as he began driving at the age of 16. He slept in the driver's seat before sleeper cabs were built and traveled without air conditioning and power steering; and,

Whereas, Larry has been blessed with a wonderful family who has supported him throughout the years and helped to grow the business. Through his diligent work ethic, he has been able to include his son, Craig, as president of the business, which became Bowers Trucking, Inc. in 1997 and now includes a fleet of trucks and drivers; and,

Whereas, Larry is an active member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church of Armour, South Dakota; and,

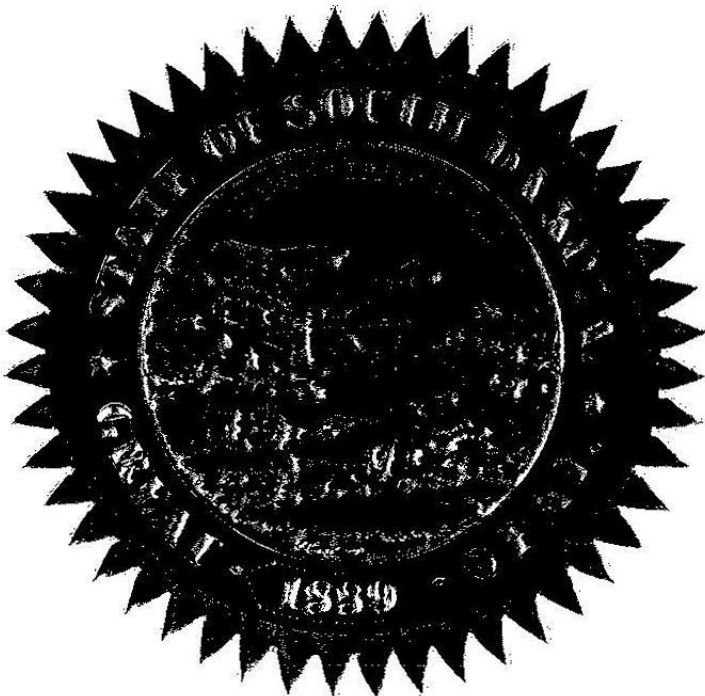
Whereas, Larry, through his business, has provided services to customers in the surrounding area for the past 50 years, driving more than 5.5 million miles hauling coal, grain and cattle to enhance the state's economy, and it is fitting and proper that the Governor recognize Larry for the many contributions he has made and continues to make for the progress of this state:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 16, 2006, as

LARRY BOWERS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.



M. Michael Rounds
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State